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California's Green Chemistry Initiative Gets \$337K Boost in Support

SACRAMENTO, CA —Private organizations promoting the principles of California's Green Chemistry Initiative will benefit from a recent Proposition 65 settlement over exhaust fumes from jet engines. California's Public Health Trust, a non-profit coalition of government agencies, attorneys, and public health advocates, awarded \$337,000 to six small- and medium-sized projects that support outreach and promotion of green chemistry regulation, practices and policy in California.

"We are thrilled that so many great organizations came forward with good ideas in support of California's Green Chemistry Initiative," said Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) Acting Director Maziar Movassaghi. "We look forward to actively working with the grantees to quickly put those funds to work for the safety of every Californian."

DTSC is the regulatory agency for Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's Green Chemistry Initiative. The initiative calls for the design, manufacture of consumer products that are safer for public health and the environment. The recipients of the settlement grants, ranging from \$30,000 to \$65,000 each are:

- Berkeley Center for Green Chemistry (<http://bcgc.berkeley.edu/>), working with the U.C. Berkeley Labor Occupational Health Program and School of Information, will develop an online Public Library of Materials, a screening tool that will help workers, the public, and small businesses identify known chemical hazards in products and manufacturing processes and find safer alternatives.
- Black Women for Wellness (www.bwwla.org) will initiate a comprehensive education and outreach campaign engaging African American women and girls on how the Green Chemistry Initiative impacts community health and well being.
- Breast Cancer Fund (www.breastcancerfund.org) will conduct an education and engagement campaign in support of a comprehensive green chemistry program, while working with legislators and regulatory departments to strengthen the Green Chemistry Initiative.
- CHANGE Coalition (www.changecalifornia.org) will continue its role as the convening body for community, labor, and health organizations in ongoing efforts to promote public participation and

community engagement in California's efforts to reduce the impact of toxic chemicals on public health and incentivize a green chemistry economy.

- Physicians for Social Responsibility - Los Angeles (www.psrla.org) will work with other members of the Communication Committee Workgroup within the CHANGE Coalition to update and adapt education materials related to community participation within the Green Chemistry Initiative, specifically for under-represented populations in the South Los Angeles, Central and Inland Valleys. PSR-LA will also organize a green chemistry and economic development roundtable to promote a greater understanding of how green chemistry innovations can bring safer products to market and provide economic development opportunities for low income communities.
- Sustainable Technology and Policy Program, UCLA (<http://www.law.ucla.edu/home/index.asp?page=841>), will bring together experts in toxicology, alternatives assessment, decision analysis, and policy, to develop regulatory alternatives analysis methodologies. The Program will also create practical software tools for identifying safer substitutes for consumer products that contain chemical hazards.

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The mission of the Department of Toxic Substances Control is to provide the highest level of safety and to protect public health and the environment from toxic harm.